

Synopsis of Resume' of
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JOB OBJECTIVE

EDUCATION

High School: George Washington High School, New York City,
New York.
Graduated 1964.
Founding member of the Borinquen Aspira Society,
1964.
Received a "cooperation in government" certificate.

College: Inter-American University of Puerto Rico, San
Germán, Puerto Rico.
Graduated 1968.
Degree: Bachelor of Arts, Cum Laude
Major: Sociology
Minor: Psychology

Extra-curricular Activities: Three times elected
to the Student Government - Sociology Club
(President 1967-68), President Senior Class of
1968 - Member Nu Eta Phi Fraternity.

Honors: 1964-1965 Legislative Scholarship
1965-1968 Jessie Smith Noyes Foundation
Honor Scholarship.

Graduate: Columbia University School of Social Work, New
York City, New York.
Graduated 1970.
Master of Science in Social Work.

Extra-curricular Activities: Twice elected to the
Student Government (Interim President in 1969) -
Member of the Puerto Rican Students Caucus of
CUSSW (Treasurer 1969-1970).

Honors: 1968-1970 Federal Child Welfare Study
Grant.

Postgraduate: Seton Hall Law Center, Newark, New Jersey.
1975-1978.
Juris Doctor Candidate.
Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund
Grant for 1975-1976.

Rutgers University, Paterson Extension Fall, 1970.
Business Leadership Course (Administration)

Council on Social Work Education, New York.
Puerto Rican Faculty Development Project 1971-1972.
(Seminars were held in New York, New Jersey and
Puerto Rico)

EMPLOYMENT

Spring 1967	Field Observation at the Puerto Rico Parole Board, Mayagüez, Puerto Rico (Non-remunerative).
Summer 1968	Psychology Instructor in the New York City - Vermont Youth Program under the auspices of the New York City Youth Commission and the State of Vermont, St. Johnsbury, Vermont.
1968-1969	Field Placement with the New York City Department of Social Services, and the Bureau of Child Welfare. Francis Stark, ACSW, Supervisor. (Non-remunerative).
1969-1970	Field Placement with the Bureau of Child Guidance, New York City, Lillian Duker, ACSW, Supervisor. (Non-remunerative).
June 1970/ Feb. 1971	Program Director, Aspira, Inc. of New Jersey, 87 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102. Juan Rosario, Director.
Jan. 1972/ May 1972	Part-time Instructor ("Puerto Rican Life Styles and American Urban Experience" course). Dr. Hilda Hidalgo, Chairperson, Urban Studies Department, Livingston College, Edison, New Jersey.
Aug. 1972/ Dec. 1972	Acting Administrator, Bilingual Education Program, 2 Cedar Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102.
Jan. 1973/ June 1973	Part-time Social Worker at the Ramón Betances Pre-school, Newark, New Jersey.
Jan. 1975/ May 1975	Part-time Instructor (Intergroup Relations: Race and Ethnicity In American Life). Seton Hall University South Orange, New Jersey.
March 1971 to present	Social Worker, Newark Board of Education, 2 Cedar Street, Newark, New Jersey. Child Guidance Department. Rex Shaw, Director.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

1976-1978 Legislative Bureau, Seton Hall Law Center.
1978 Legal Services Clinic, Seton Hall Law Center.

PERSONAL

Date of Birth: May 1, 1946.

Place of Birth: Adjuntas, Puerto Rico.

Height: 5'7" Weight: 130 lbs. Health: Excellent.

Marital Status: Married. Children: Myrna Arsenet Vélez
Amilkar Miguel Vélez

Finances: In good order. Own house. Own cars.

Hobbies: Reading, Music Appreciation, Participation in Sports
and Games, Woodwork.

Certificates: New Jersey School of Social Worker Certificate,
1972.
Academy of Certified Social Workers Certificate,
1972.

Affiliations: Academy of Certified Social Workers.
(Past and Present) Advisory Committee on Social Work Education,
Livingston College, Edison, New Jersey.
Board of Directors of Aspira, Inc. of New Jersey.
Columbia University School of Social Work, Alumni
Association, Member of the Board of Directors.
At-large member of the Executive Committee.
National Association of Social Workers, New Jersey
Chapter.

New York Association of Puerto Rican Social Service
Workers (Member of organizing group in 1969)

Puerto Rican Educators Association, New Jersey.

Puerto Rican Education Committee, Inc. of New Jersey.

Puerto Rican History and Culture Committee, Newark,
Board of Education, Consultant.

Puerto Rican Task Force, Council on Social
Work Education.

C.U.R.A. - Board of Directors of Comunidad
Unida para la Rehabilitación de Adictos.
(Appointed by Mayor Kenneth Gibson.)
1971 to present.

New Jersey Bilingual-Bicultural Education
Committee, Trenton, New Jersey.

Member of F.O.C.U.S., Inc. Newark, New Jersey.

COMPRE Health, Board of Directors (Appointed by
Governor Brendan Byrne)
1975 to present.

ADDITIONAL DATA

Has traveled extensively. Speaks, reads and writes Spanish
and English. Speaks and reads Portuguese.

Active in various community activities most of which are
related to improving the educational opportunities of Puerto
Ricans in the elementary, secondary, higher and general levels.
This includes ad-hoc committees as well as individual advocacy
efforts.

Has been a consultant or otherwise participated in the
following activities:

Taught Spanish to a group of employees of the Public
Service Gas and Electric Company, Newark, New Jersey.
Spring 1971.

Resource person to the Professional Conference of the
New Jersey Historical Society, Newark, New Jersey.
February 1971.

Conducted the Leadership Workshop during the First Puerto
Rican Convention of the State of New Jersey, Atlantic
City, 1971.

"Aspira and the Puerto Rican Child vis-a-vis the School
Systems" - Lecture dictated to a Workshop of the Annual
Parent-Teacher Association, Atlantic City, 1971.

"Marriage and Family Life Among Puerto Ricans" - Lecture
given to the Newark Police Academy. Sponsored by the
Essex County Mental Health Association, Newark, New
Jersey. 1971 and 1972.

"The Puerto Rican Child and the Newark Schools" - Lecture given to an In-Service group of the Newark Board of Education, Newark, New Jersey, 1972.

"The Puerto Rican Child" - In-Service seminar given to the Title VII, Bilingual Project, Newark, New Jersey. 1972.

"Child Rearing in Puerto Rican Families" - Lecture dictated to the Daycare 100 In-Service Seminar, Jersey City, New Jersey, 1972.

"The Newark-Puerto Rican Child vis-a-vis the Newark Bilingual Education Program" - Lecture to the staff of the Newark Bilingual Program, In-Service training, July 1972.

"The Puerto Rican Child" - Lecture to the In-Service training of the "WE Program", Rutgers University, Newark, New Jersey, 1972.

"The Political Process in Relation to the Puerto Ricans" - program taped with Dr. Hilda Hidalgo and Mr. Diego Castellanos for Channel 6, Philadelphia, Penn., May 1972.

"Drug Use and Abuse Among Children in Newark" - radio program taped for WBGO, Newark, New Jersey, April 1973.

Conducted workshop at the "Advocacy in Action Conference". Sponsored by the FSAA and the Unitarian Universalist Church, Boston, Mass., May 1973.

Resource person for the "Newark Manpower Conference", Newark, New Jersey, June 1973.

Club Advisor, Aspira Los Caribes Club, East Side High School, Newark, New Jersey, 1972 to present.

Participated on various programs on WXTV (Channel 41), WNJU (Channel 47), WADO (Radio Station) and WJIT (Radio Station).

Member of Spanish American Law Students Salsa, 1975-1979.